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Application No. 10/785,158

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-35 and 37-53 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-35 and 37-53 are cancelled without prejudice. New claims 54-62 are added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits new claims 54-62 comply with 35 U.S.C. §112.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 10, 13-14, 19, 24-26, 37-39 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Ross. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 10, 13-14, 19, 24-26, 37-39 and 41 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 54-62 are not anticipated by Ross.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 10, 12-14, 19, 24-26, 33, 37-39 and 41-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in light of Ross. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 10, 13-14, 19, 24-26, 33, 37-39 and 41 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 54-62 are not obvious in light of Ross.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-10, 13-14, 19, 24-26, 33, 37-39 and 41-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in light of Ross in view of Curtius. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-10, 13-14, 19, 24-26, 33, 37-39 and 41-44 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 54-62 are not obvious in light of Ross in view of Curtius.

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 10, 12-14, 19, 24-26, 33 and 37-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in light of Ross in view of Marukawa. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 10, 12-14, 19, 24-26,

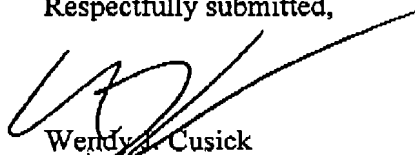
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33 and 37-44 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 54-62 are not obvious in light of Ross in view of Marukawa.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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